

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 859

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Richard Henley upon his induction as a member of the 2012 Class to the TSSAA Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have proven themselves exemplary and worthy of distinction for their performance of duties in their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Richard "Dick" Henley of Seymour, who was selected as a member of the 2012 class of inductees into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, each year, this fine organization bestows this, its highest honor, on the State's top high school administrators, coaches, officials, and those who have made significant contributions within the realm of secondary school athletic programs in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, for more than twenty-five years, Mr. Henley has been an administrator and football coach at the Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville, his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Henley has served as the President of the Educational Association at the Tennessee School for the Deaf and he has overseen numerous events and tournaments, including an annual pre-season tournament with other schools for the deaf in the area, and he volunteers his time to work in the school's Run for the Deaf held each spring; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Mr. Henley won a national championship as a player at the Tennessee School for the Deaf, and his coaching prowess was recently listed in *Deaf Digest* as the 2011 Team of the Year in eight-man football, an honor which is synonymous with a national championship; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding educator and exceptional motivator of young people, Mr. Henley is the epitome of dedication, determination, and excellence in his chosen professional arena, having great impact on those many students who have been fortunate enough to come under the tutelage of this distinguished gentleman; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Henley for success in accordance with his leadership in athletic programming at the Tennessee School for the Deaf; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Richard "Dick" Henley upon his induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.